

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 21, 2014**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Bruno called the meeting to order and stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting the same on the bulletin board of Town Hall and forwarding a copy to the Courier News and Star Ledger at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting will not go substantially past 10:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Kingsley and Mayor Bruno answered present. Also present was Township Attorney Robert Ghelli and Township Clerk Ana Minkoff.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Bruno asked everyone present to stand as he led the Flag Salute.

**CONFERENCE SESSION – Land Transfer Discussion**

Mr. Hall spoke about the land swap hearings. He said a lot of information was presented at these hearings. It was suggested at the last hearing that the Conference Session of the Township Council meetings be dedicated to discussion on the land transfer. Mr. Hall spoke in length about the information that was presented and gave his observations and recommendations.

The discussion involved the Mayor and Township Council members. There was discussion on having a fifth public hearing to pull everything together.

Mayor Bruno opened the Conference Session to comments and questions from the public.

Camille Aragona of 56 Chaucer Drive agrees with Mr. Hall that we need to have another meeting to sum things up. She added people did get the wrong impression because everything is focused on the Little Flower campus. Mrs. Aragona asked why nothing was shown on this property and what a new municipal complex would look like.

Mr. Hall responded to Mrs. Aragona's question.

A discussion continued on the town hall property with the Council members. They responded to Mrs. Aragona's questions.

Mrs. Aragona continued with her remarks and questions which involved various construction in town and our sewer department capacity for new construction.

The discussion continued in length and Mr. Hall responded to Mrs. Aragona's questions. The discussion involved the rest of the Council members as well.

Nelson Stauber of 125 Park Avenue had questions regarding the taxes and the land swap..

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Mr. Hall responded to Mr. Stauber's questions regarding the taxes and explained. Mrs. Kingsley explained further in more detail.

Tom Foregger of 14 Dorsett Road corrected some things that were said by Mayor Bruno on the land swap regarding the Planning Board.

Mayor Bruno responded this is the information he received from Mike Mistretta but he will check into it.

Mr. Woodruff explained the Planning Board has made decisions with regard to the redevelopment. He went on to explain the process that was followed further in length.

A discussion continued.

Hearing no voices, moved by Mr. Hall to close the Conference Session, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

## **TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mr. Delia offered his condolences to Mayor Bruno on the passing of his mother. Mr. Delia reported Berkeley Heights received their second Silver Certification for Sustainable Jersey. He explained the Silver Certification process and commended Richard Leister and Len Berkowitz for all of their hard work. Mr. Delia spoke about a resolution that was passed for a sewer hook-up a few meetings ago. He said it actually had nothing to do with anything on Emerson Lane and he explained further.

Mr. Hall reported at the recent Environmental Commission meeting there was a discussion on the pilgrim pipeline. The Environmental Commission is going to sponsor a conference call with the company that is installing the pipeline and it is tentatively scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has questions for the company installing the pipeline they can email them to the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Pirone had nothing to report.

Mr. Woodruff reported the Memorial Park Renewal Committee is up and running. He said he had a discussion with Ted Romankow about what we would like to see there. Mr. Woodruff explained new pavers and trees will be installed and clean-up of the park, hopefully before Memorial Day.

Mayor Bruno asked for the names of the members of the Memorial Park Renewal Committee so that executive orders can be done.

Mr. Pastore had nothing to report.

Mrs. Kingsley reported she attended the Board of Education meeting last Thursday where they gave a presentation on their parking analysis. She commended them for doing a nice job and she said their overall recommendation is to rearrange parking which will give them an additional 32 parking spots. Mrs. Kingsley also spoke about more options that were presented. She said the goal is to start with the 32 additional parking spots along with the safety mechanisms proposed by Sgt. Dietch.

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A discussion continued on the parking at the High School.

Mrs. Kingsley reported on the Beautification Committee and spoke about having to remove some of the flags that are up on the poles because they have been damaged by the weather. She spoke further about replacing all the flags with a better quality flag and having a fundraiser to help with replacing them.

Mayor Bruno reported he attended the swearing in of the former Township Administrator, Linda Cavanaugh as a Judge. He attended the ceremonies along with Clerk Ana Minkoff, Councilwoman Kingsley, Councilman Hall and Councilman Woodruff. He spoke about the ceremony and said it was nice to see her and wished her well. Mayor Bruno also said there is a resolution on the agenda tonight appointing John Bussiculo as the new Township Administrator. Mayor Bruno also spoke about the need for two Zoning Board members and told anyone interested in any board positions to contact Barbara Russo in Administration. Mayor Bruno thanked everyone for their kind wishes and thoughts with the loss of his mother.

Moved by Mr. Hall to accept and approve the Township Council Reports, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**HEARING ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Moved by Mr. Pirone to open the Hearing on the Agenda Items Only, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Hearing no voices, moved by Mr. Pirone to close the Hearing on the Agenda Items Only, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS- RESOLUTIONS  
OFFICIAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Mr. Delia introduced the following resolution:**

1. Resolution approving Bill List dated October 21, 2014 in the amount of \$531,286.58.

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Moved by Mr. Delia to approve resolution #1, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Mrs. Kingsley introduced the following resolution:**

2. Resolution consenting to the appointment of John T. Bussiculo as Township Administrator.

Moved by Mrs. Kingsley to approve resolution #2, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Mr. Woodruff introduced the following resolution:**

3. Resolution authorizing a contract with W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc, 3554 Route 22 West, P.O. Box 71, Whitehouse, NJ 08888, in the amount of \$181,428.50, for an Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper with Belt Conveyor.

Moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve resolution #3, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried.

Mr. Delia asked if we will be getting rid of the old sweeper.

Mayor Bruno responded we will repair the old sweeper and keep it as an emergency backup unit.

There was a discussion on possibly scrapping the old sweeper or selling it at an auction. Discussion was also on the manpower to use the sweeper.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion; there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**Mr. Pastore introduced the following resolutions:**

- (4)
  - a. Resolution authorizing a block party at Lorraine Drive/Lenape Drive , on October 25, 2014 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. with a rain date of October 26, 2014.

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- b. Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund the following 2014 tax overpayments:
  - 1. Brian & Beth Feldman 17 Chaucer Drive \$75.42
  - 2. Christopher Quinn /Elizabeth J. Mazza 52 Cambridge Drive \$65.59
  - 3. Robert C. Woff, Jr. 44 Beech Ave. \$90.00
- c. Resolution authorizing a blue light permit to Jennifer Brookes, 11 Heather Court, Berkeley Heights, NJ. for the Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad.
- d. Resolution adding Matt Allegra, 3 Maywood Lane, Greenbrook, NJ 08812 to the active duty of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department.
- e. Resolution adding Kyle Ulen, 483 Mountain Avenue, Gillette, NJ to the active duty of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department.
- f. Resolution proclaiming the week of November 17, 2014 as Band Appreciation Week in recognition of the Governor Livingston Highlander Band.

Moved by Mr. Pastore to approve Consent Agenda resolutions #4a-f, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**CITIZENS HEARING**

Moved by Mr. Hall to open the Citizens Hearing, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Nelson Stauber of 125 Park Avenue spoke about the walkway from Pizza Hut to Lone Pine Drive over to Delicious Heights being so overgrown with weeds that people just step out into the street.

Mayor Bruno asked that Mr. Mea be contacted so that his landscaper can address that area.

John Carlini of Eaton Court asked if there has been any further development in the Passaic River meetings. He spoke about a tree that has fallen across the river and with the rain this is a problem. Mr. Carlini said he went down the Passaic in a canoe and he took some pictures of the area showing the blockages. He asked if there is any progress on the river clean-up.

Mayor Bruno asked Mr. Carlini to forward the pictures he took to Mr. Bocchino to see if we can address some of those issues.

Mr. Hall said he will be in a position to give an update on the river clean-up at the next Township Council meeting. He also said he has been in contact with Bob Bocchino to get caught up on the Passaic River

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clean-up project, brook clean-up and the removal of the trees in the right-of-way. Mr. Hall said he will then update the residents on all three projects.

Camille Aragona of 56 Chaucer Drive said it has been brought to her attention that some people think she asks stupid questions. She said at one of the public hearings it was mentioned that we are 17 million dollars in debt. Mrs. Aragona asked if we will get to see the audit report.

Mr. Hall responded it is a matter of public record, all of the debt outstanding and what it is associated with. Mr. Hall said that information is available to the residents through the Township Clerk.

Mayor Bruno said with the leaf season coming up he asked the residents to clear the catch basins so they do not become clogged and the streets flooded.

Tom Foregger of 14 Dorsett Road said Mr. Hall mentioned the Environmental Commission is collecting emails to send to the company installing the pipeline. He asked if this is something the company must do as part of the approval process.

Mr. Hall explained Richard Leister reached out to the company through the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Foregger continued with his questions regarding the pipeline.

Mr. Hall responded to his questions.

A discussion continued.

Hearing no voices, moved by Mr. Hall to close the Citizens Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Pirone to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:  
**(8:56 p.m.)**

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Approved: November 3, 2014**